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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

Bob:

I am attaching a copy of a Memorandum for the Record by

Jack Coffey on his attendance of the Executive Officers' Group Meeting

on 8 February 1968. I presume that you have received by now any Executive

Order that may have been signed as noted by Jack in paragraph 2. Would

you please have somebody bring me up to date on what this Order may mean

for the Agency, what implementing steps you plan, if any, etc.

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Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Support

Att: Memo for Record dtd 12 Feb 68
fr A-DD/S, subj: Executive Officers'
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29 February 1968 - Per Mr. Coffey's concurrence, this memo was recalled from OP in view of a later memo dtd 23 February for D/Pers fr ADD/S (DD/S 68-0920).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Executive Officers' Group Meeting — 8 February 1968



- 1. As requested by Colonel White, I attended the subject meeting at the new Executive Office Building on 17th Street. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Solis Horwitz. The subject of the meeting was the program for disadvantaged Vietnam-era veterans. The meeting was used primarily as a vehicle for briefing the executives on this new program. (Briefings/discussions have been held with unions, minority groups, and veterans' organizations. It was announced that the Interagency Personnel Officers' meeting on 9 February would be briefed on this same subject.) The principal speaker/briefer was Mr. Ed Dutton, CSC, with Mr. Oganovic, CSC, as the Commission's senior representative and "kibit-zer".
- 2. It was announced that the new program had Presidential backing and would be made official in an Executive Order to be signed on 8 or 9 February. The press release is to be issued at approximately the same time and publication will, of course, also take place in the Federal Register. The Commission representatives noted that this is a controversial Order which has involved much debate prior to reaching the issue state. The main purpose is to ensure that the Vietnam-era veterans who do not have high school educations are sought out and assisted in furthering/completing their education while at the same time working for the Government under transitional (non-competitive) appointments. (Only GS-05 and below positions or their equivalent in postal and Wage Board systems are involved.) In addition, there will be increased counselling service available and Government organizations will be instructed to speed up processing of veterans' applications. Veterans must satisfy qualification requirements for positions to be filled with transitional appointments. A variety of other details were mentioned but are not listed on the assumption that they will be included in formal paper work which will follow.
- 3. Because of its excepted appointment status, it would appear that the Agency will be involved to the extent that it voluntarily decides how it can use these men.

4. Mr. Horwitz, in closing the meeting, announced that the next meeting would be for luncheon next week.

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John W: Correy
Assistant Deputy Director

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The Federal Diary

Drive Set to Sell Savings Bonds To 80 Pct. of Federal Employes

By Jerry Klutz

ings bonds has a goal of 80 benefited from three salary per cent participation by the 3 increases in the next 17 million Federal employes.

Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien, who will di-increases into savings is just rect the drive for the third good common sense, and you straight year, believes the goal are doing the employe a favor can be attained because Gov- by reminding him of that fact ernment workers will get In view of the very favorable GIs: three pay raises over a 17-salary picture in the months month period.

reassured employes, however, when he stressed per cent participation in each that "no one, anywhere, is to be coerced into joining us. No one, no Federal employe, has to buy a bond. No one's job to Congress legislation tha depends upon whether or not would transfer to private in he buys a bond." The cabinet dustry many of the 1000 em member continued:

"While there is to be no coercion, we simply must Private industry would take \$5000 a year. explanation of the opportunity offered through savings

A new campaign to sell sav-Federal employees will have months

Diverting a portion of these Civil Service rights, to come, I believe we should set our sights at a goal of 80 agency."

Private Jobs: President Johnson will soon recommend ployes in the Federal National standard civil service exams. over the agency's big home Comuracts: mortgage operations.

Naturally, employes

bonds to save and to partici-speculating over what will been injured recently by empate," particularly now that happen to them if the Presi-ployes who have attacked dent's plan becomes effective. They're concerned over retirement, insurance and other by the Government...

President has Johnson signed an executive order giv-contractor organizations in ing about 15,000 Vietnam War which some religious groups, veterans the chance to hold notably Jews, and to some ex-Government jobs while they tent Catholics, are excluded go to college. The order allows returning GIs to be hired for hem to take "affirmative acthe jobs without taking the tions to obtain results." Mortgage Association, popul The jobs, in the five lowest categories, pay up to

> The Post Office Department ind seven unions signed new and vacation schedules, senior studied it. ity and appeals procedures for workers subject to discipling Bonald S. Dawson. He renary action. Wages and retire. ment benefits are set by Con-cently resigned as a member gress, however.

> tion is reported to guarantee White House assistants. to employes who transfer nubenefits minimum merous which will be spelled out which will be spelled out will become a transportation later. Severance won't be paid will become a transportation if an employe transfers with his job to industry.

agencies are issuing their own soods in transit. orders to curtail overseas travel in response to the Pres dent's policy.

They have either canceled numerous conferences sched uled to be held outside this Hemisphere, or they hav sharply reduced the number of agency participants. Also overseas travels by inspectors agency consultants and the like have been cut back.

Agencies must report to the President by April 1 on their programs to reduce overseas Federal jobs and travel foreign countries.

war on Crime: A bill to protect postal employes from deus J. Dulski (D-N.Y.) of the House Post Office and Civil

them, and letter carriers have been beaten up while making deliveries.

Discrimination: The Labor and Department has reminded whether those who go to in-Federal contractors that the dustry will be paid severance President's non-discrimination directive applies to creed as well as to race, color and nattional origin.

> It said there are still some from high-levels of responsibiltv. The Department called on

> Jobs: Commerce Grade 4 and 5 stenographers. Call 967-2151.

Public Personnel Administration will hear former Rep. Robert Ramspeck (D-Ga.) at its Wednesday luncheon at the Occidental. Ramspeck will disering some 625,000 postai cuss proposals to amend the workers. The contracts with Hatch Act. He was a member the postal unions cover worl of the advisory panel that

Taylor, Jr., Hobart workers subject to discipli joined the law firm here of A transfer bill in prepara-Both Taylor and Dawson were

> William J. Hartigan, who reigned as assistant Postmaster General for Transportation. He also will head a new firm to check on the security of